

# EXHIBIT 8

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**Re: Thermo Tech -- Waiving Unconscionable Arbitration Clause Provisions**

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Wed 6/30/2021 10:47 AM

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Stipulation attached. Please sign and we'll file.

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Rony,

We are agreeable to stipulating out the language, and changing venues to arbitration before the AAA.

Please prepare a stipulation.

JM

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Thermo Tech -- Signed Stipulation.pdf;

Attached.

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Rony,

Josh and I will speak with our client & consider your proposal.

In the meantime, please execute & remit back the Stip.

JM

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See also:

Applying the foregoing standard, we hold that plaintiff has made a preliminary showing that the fee sharing and venue provisions in the arbitration agreement [\*\*60] have the effect of precluding him from pursuing his statutory wage claim in arbitration. We remand for further proceedings, consistent with *Brady*, which, at a minimum, would include proof of plaintiff's income [\*\*\*4] and assets, as well as proof of the expected costs and fees to arbitrate this dispute in Florida. Because the parties' arbitration agreement contains a severability clause, in the event plaintiff prevails on his claim that the aforementioned fee sharing and venue provisions should be held unenforceable under *Brady*, the matter should proceed to arbitration in New York, with defendant to bear the costs of the arbitration.

In addition, plaintiff challenges that part of the arbitration agreement permitting defendant, if it prevails in arbitration, to recover attorneys' fees. He argues that he would be unable to afford such fees, and that their recovery is not authorized under Labor Law § 198 (1), which only provides for costs and limited expenses to a prevailing plaintiff enforcing a wage claim. While *Brady* did not expressly address this issue, by extension of its logic, the risk of plaintiff having to pay defendant's attorneys' fees, if it prevails, may be taken into account in considering whether the total costs associated with arbitration preclude plaintiff from pursuing his claim in the arbitral forum.

Adams v Kent Sec. of N.Y., Inc., 156 A.D.3d 588, 590, 68 N.Y.S.3d 58, 59-60, 2017 N.Y. App. Div. LEXIS 9310, \*3-4, 2017 NY Slip Op 09274, 2, 2017 WL 6612609

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The United States Supreme Court's decision in *Green Tree Financial Corp-Alabama v. Randolph*, 531 U.S. at 79, appears to have vindicated the Second Circuit's latter view, at least in part. One of the two questions presented in *Green Tree Financial* was "whether an arbitration agreement that does not mention arbitration costs and fees is unenforceable because it fails to affirmatively protect a party from potentially steep arbitration costs." *Id.* at 82. The United States Supreme Court answered that question in the negative. *See id.* However, the United States Supreme Court also noted that "the existence of large arbitration costs could preclude a litigant . . . from effectively vindicating her federal statutory rights in the arbitral forum." *Id.* at 90. Thus, the United States Supreme Court indicated at the end of its decision that a party could avoid arbitration by showing a "likelihood of incurring" prohibitive costs in arbitration. *See id.* at 92.

D'Antuono v. Serv. Rd. Corp., 789 F. Supp. 2d 308, 333-334, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 57367, \*63-64, 17 Wage & Hour Cas. 2d (BNA) 1429 (D. Conn. 2011).

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Jason,

We've taken a closer look at the arbitration agreement. Before we dismiss, we would like confirmation that your client waives the following provisions in it, which we believe are unconscionable:

"Although the parties shall initially bear the cost of arbitration equally to the extent permitted by applicable law, the prevailing party, if any, as determined by the arbitrator at the request of the parties which is hereby deemed made, shall be entitled to reimbursement for its share of cost and reasonable attorneys' fees, as well as interest at the statutory rate."

Thanks,

Rony